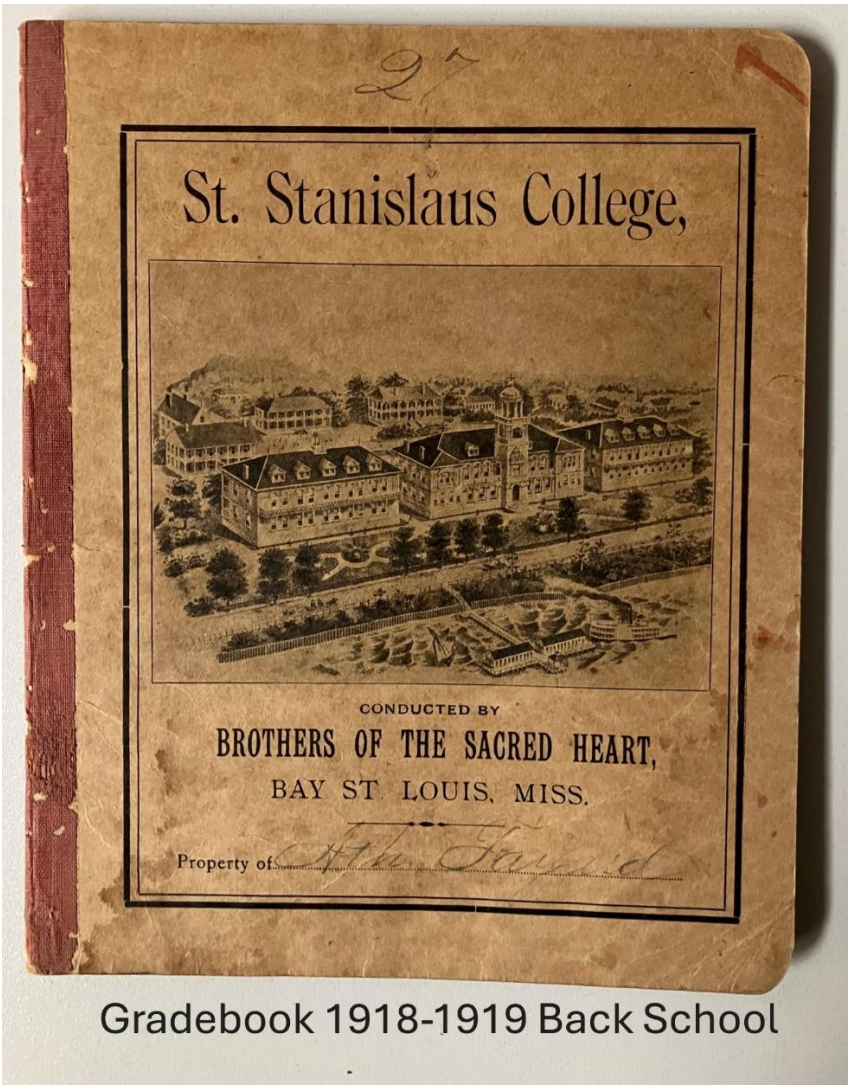
Retro #36: Back School Grade Book 1918-1919

During the three year period between 1916 and 1919, twenty-seven Brothers worked at St. Stanislaus. Two of them, Brother Odon Smith and Brother Raymond Noonan, taught at "the Sorbonne," the name that the French Brothers gave to St. Stanislaus Free Day School which the locals refer as the Back School and some alumni refer to as Rip's University. While most of the school records were lost in Hurricane Katrina, St. Stanislaus does have in its Archives two grade books from one of the Brothers at the Back School. One book is from the school year 1916-1917 and the other from 1918-1919.

For the 1918-1919 school year, Br. Raymond used a St. Stanislaus College copy book for his grade book. It had the name Ath. Fayard and the number 27 written on the cover. Probably a notebook left behind the previous year that Br. Raymond retrieved and used, an example of his frugality. He rewrote the names of students in the book each month because the number of students in the class changed from month to month. For example, in 1919 fifty-two of the eighty-nine boys enrolled at the Back School were in Br. Raymond's class in March. In January there had been only 41, in February 48, but in May the number increased to 66. The top of the page at the beginning of each month was highly decorated with a different design and the name of the month carefully written in calligraphy.

The following pictures are from the 1919 grade book. On three pages for each month, Br. Raymond wrote the names of the students in his class that month and their scores for each day with weekly tallies as the picture of the page from February 1919 shows. Three pages from March list the 52 students in Br. Raymond's class that month. Pictures have been cropped to separate the names from the scores.



Gradebook 1918-1919 Back School

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25	20	21	10½	a	76	a	a	a	a	a	—	a	a	a	a	a	—	a	a	a		a	—	76

1 Joseph Blaize
2 John Seafide
3 Sam Comberetto
4 Charles Fayard
5 Harold Saube
6 Andis Carlson
7 Joseph Hemmersbach
8 Francis Pitell
9 William Prevan
10 Edward Fayard
11 Albert Heitzman
12 Philip Seafide
13 George Bordin

14 Peter Noto
15 Ernest Ladner
16 Harold Favre
17 Anthony Benedetto
18 Manuel Maurigi
19 Allen Carver
20 Thomas Carver
21 Raymond Carlson
22 Harold Strong
23 Edward Luc
24 Henry Heitzman
25 James Fayard
26 Samuel Benigno
27 Earl Favre
28 Anthony Schanna
29 Russell Maurigi
30 Gaston Maurigi
31 Norman Benigno
32 Nolan Ladner

33 Tony Comberetto
34 Revell Chaina
35 Fabian Favre
36 Salvator Noto
37 Elroy Demoran
38 Victor Carver
39 Bailey Favre
40 William Noto
41 Sylvester Chuinichi
42 Francis Hebbs
43 Joseph Comberetto
44 John Demoran
45 Cidrie Heitzman
46 Joseph Kingston
47 August Seafide
48 Lucian Favre
49 Albert Poolson
50 Joseph Benigno
51 Richard Johnson
52 John Johnson